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Animal Fact Sheet

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Convict cichlid

Amatitlania nigrofasciata

The convict cichlid is a small, robust freshwater fish native to Central America, known for its distinctive black vertical stripes resembling a prison uniform. Highly territorial and intelligent, con…

Quick facts

Classification: Fish
Family: Cichlidae
Habitat: Freshwater rivers, streams, and lakes with rocky substrates
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 8–10 years
Weight: 30–60 grams
Scientific name: Amatitlania nigrofasciata

Did you know?

- Unlike most fish, convict cichlid fathers actively share duties like fanning and guarding the eggs alongside the mothers.
- Convict cichlids are renowned for their strong pair bonding and cooperative parenting, with both parents fiercely guarding their offspring. Their ada…

What I learned

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